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Sir:

This is a request for filing a [] continuation [X] divisional application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of:

Prior Application Serial No: 10/145,855 filed: May 14, 2002

of: Dr. Günter Halmschlager et al.

(Inventor(s) currently of record in prior application)

entitled: MACHINE FOR PRODUCING A FIBROUS WEB FROM A FIBROUS SUSPENSION AS WELL AS A PROCESS AND SYSTEM FOR MONITORING A DRAINAGE ELEMENT

(Title of Invention)

1. [X] Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed.

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2. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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			RATE	Fee	RATE	Fee		
Basic Fee			\$385.00	-	\$770.00	\$770.00	\$770.00	
Total Claims	24	- 20	4	\$9.00	-	\$18.00	\$72.00	\$72.00
Independent Claims	1	- 3	0	\$43.00	-	\$86.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims				+\$145.00	-	+\$290.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Filing Fee:							\$842.00	

3. A check in the amount of \$842.00 is enclosed. (Check No.11282)
4. [X] Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This is a divisional of application Serial No. 10/145,855 filed May 14, 2002.--
5. [] New informal drawings are enclosed.
6. [X] The prior application is assigned of record to Voith Paper Patent GmbH.
7. [] A new combined declaration and power of attorney is enclosed.
8. [X] A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)
9. [X] I have reviewed the attached specification and drawings and have determined that no new matter is present therein over prior application Serial No. 10/145,855, filed on May 14, 2002.
10. [X] Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the parent application listed herein, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

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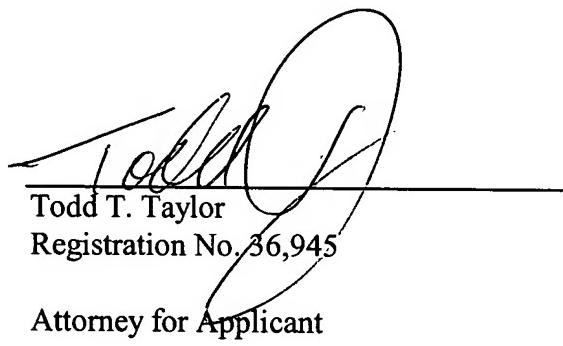
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TITLE OF INVENTION: MACHINE FOR PRODUCING A FIBROUS WEB
FROM A FIBROUS SUSPENSION AS WELL AS A PROCESS AND
SYSTEM FOR MONITORING A DRAINAGE ELEMENT

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Forwarded herewith is the above-identified application, consisting of the following:

Specification (16 Sheets)

Claims (8 Sheets)

Abstract

Drawings (4 Sheets)

Declaration X Executed Unexecuted

Information Disclosure Statement Yes X No

Preliminary Amendment

Verified Literal English Translation of Foreign Priority Document

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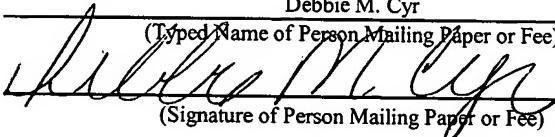
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